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Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted to clarify the content of some previously submitted information.

In particular, with regards to the Information Disclosure Statement dated August 27, 2003, Applicants submitted Exhibits A-C relating to ADC Pro-Patch Drawings. Applicants would like to clarify that Exhibits A and C disclose a different product than Exhibit B. Specifically, Exhibits A and C (clear copies of which are attached) relate to a 1997 ADC Pro-Patch product. This product includes a front panel that supports a plurality of jacks. This product also includes a programmable front circuit board including a plurality of contacts for changing the circuit configurations of the jacks between a no normal, a half-normal and a full-normal configuration. As shown at detail A of drawing 4-40001-6414 (Exhibit A), bridging clips can be used to interconnect the contacts to program the jack circuits. As shown at drawing 4-40001-6413 (Exhibit C), a removable front designation strip is used to cover the programmable front circuit board.

Exhibit B relates to another ADC product, namely the ADC POP Pull-Out Panel Pro-Patch. This product includes a pull-out panel having terminations that are accessible when the panel is pulled out from the front of a rack. The panel is factory wired to a desired circuit configuration such as half normalled, normals strapped (full normal), normals out, no normals, and sleeve normals (bussed grounds).

With regards to Exhibit D of the same Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants would like to reiterate that Applicants are not aware of any information/evidence that the product shown at Exhibit D qualifies as prior art to the present application. Applicants first became aware of the product of Exhibit D when it was displayed by Switchcraft at a tradeshow that took place on April 23-26, 2001. This date is after the filing date of the present application and well after the invention date of the claimed invention. Applicants have submitted Exhibit D to give the Examiner the opportunity to conduct searching relative to Switchcraft and the product of Exhibit D. For example, in the event Switchcraft has filed a pending but unpublished patent application directed to the product of Exhibit D, the Examiner may wish to determine whether an interference exists.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at 612.336.4617 if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby, or if any further information or clarification is needed.



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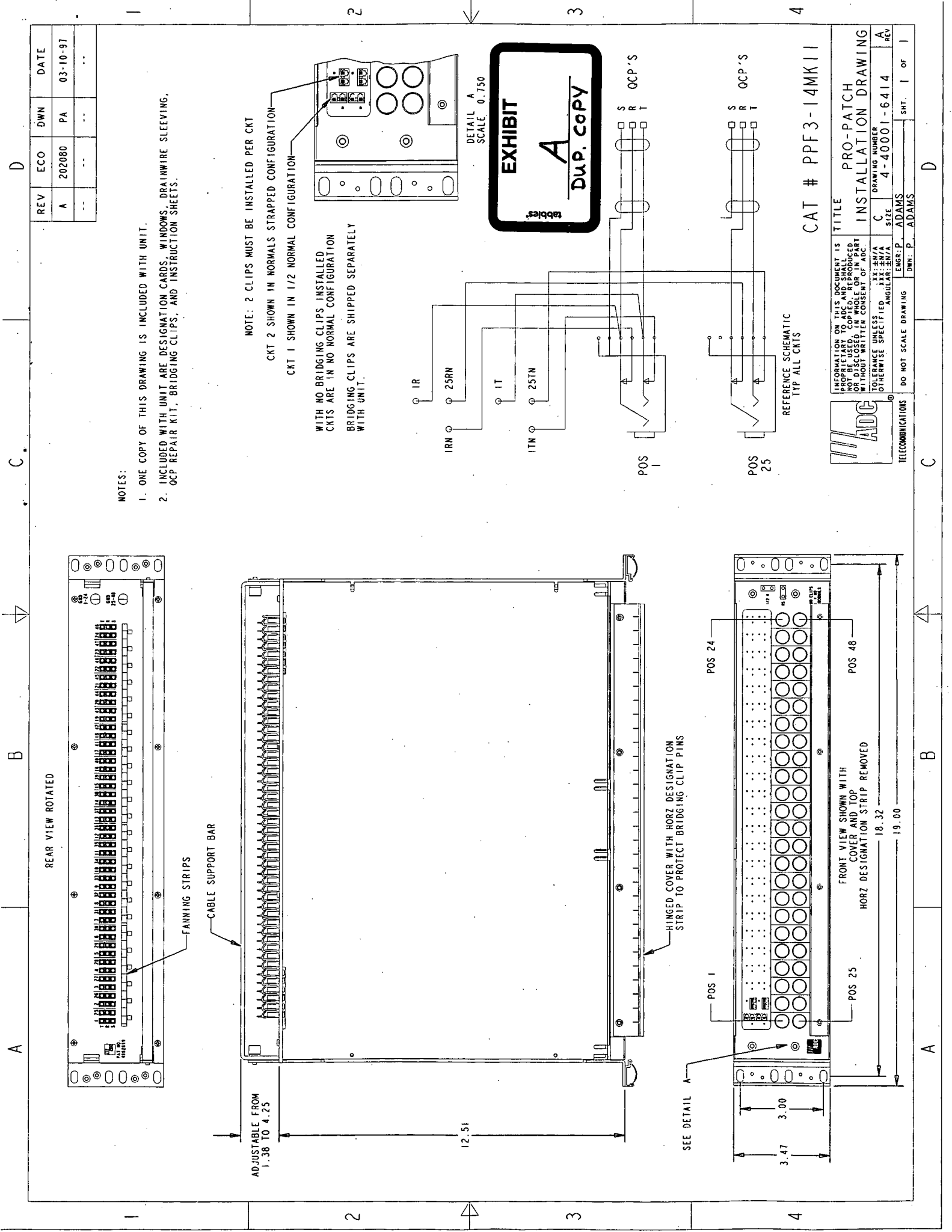
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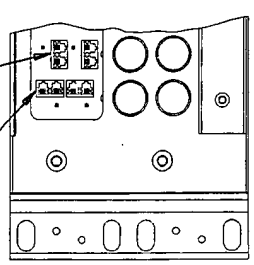
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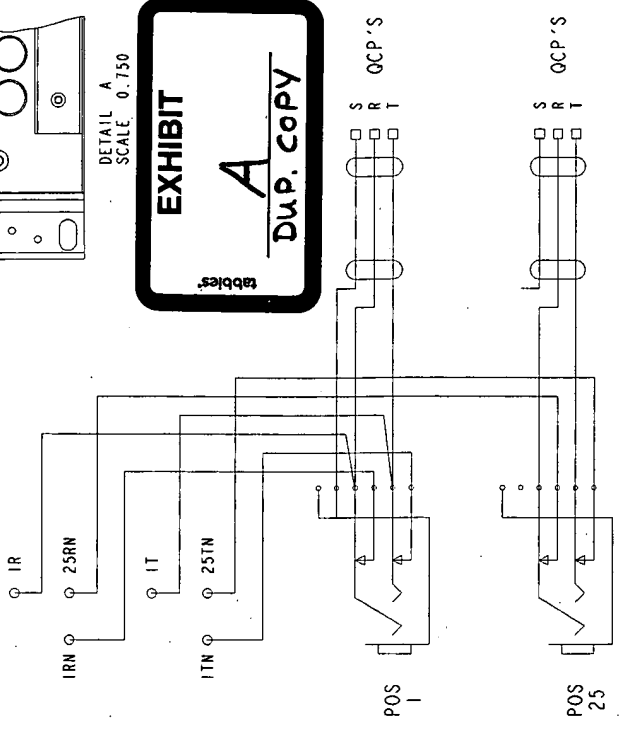
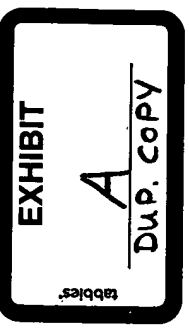
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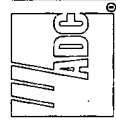


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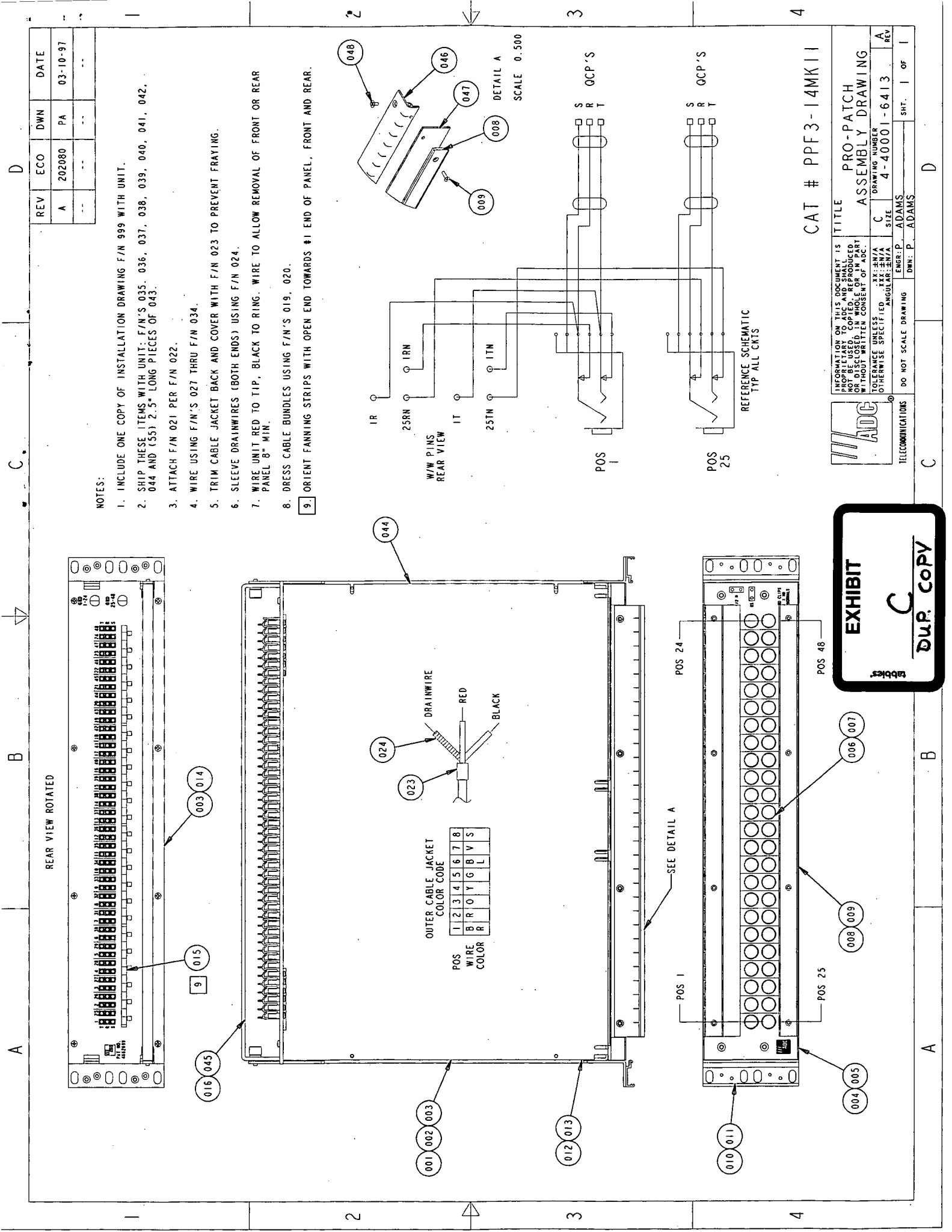


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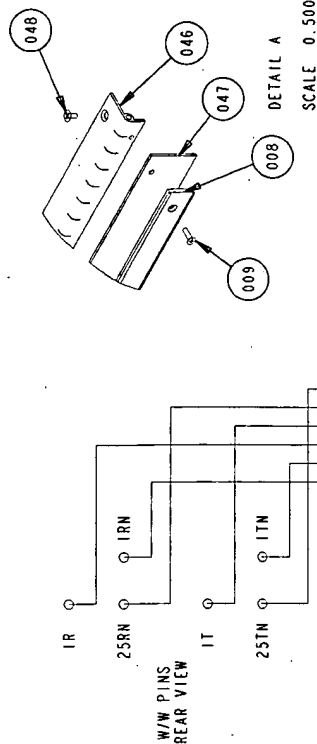
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3. ATTACH F/N 021 PER F/N 022.
4. WIRE USING F/N'S 027 THRU F/N 034.
5. TRIM CABLE JACKET BACK AND COVER WITH F/N 023 TO PREVENT FRAYING.
6. SLEEVE DRAINWIRES (BOTH ENDS) USING F/N 024.
7. WIRE UNIT RED TO TIP, BLACK TO RING. WIRE TO ALLOW REMOVAL OF FRONT OR REAR PANEL 8" MIN.
8. DRESS CABLE BUNDLES USING F/N'S 019, 020.
9. ORIENT FANNING STRIPS WITH OPEN END TOWARDS #1 END OF PANEL, FRONT AND REAR.

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